

Pitcher Engel to Remain with Minneapolis--Racing, Boxing, Other Sports

A TWENTY-ROUND BOUT NEW YEAR'S

Willie Houck, of Philadelphia, Meets Tommy Lowe for Third Time.

For the third time in the history of the Maryland Athletic and Social Club a twenty-round battle will be staged. Manager La Fontaine has matched Willie Houck, the Quaker City "mauler" with Tommy Lowe, the local veteran light-weight, in the main attraction over the twenty-round route for the New Year afternoon battle.

This will make the third meeting of these slashing light-weights in this city. On two occasions Houck and Lowe have battled fifteen rounds to a draw decision and as each is anxious to settle their differences the followers of the fight game should witness a humbling affair in this matinee battle.

Houck has had but one fight since meeting Tommy Lowe here, early in this battle over the fifteen rounds. He will be in tip-top shape and is confident he can send the local light-weight to the canvas in this battle.

In both fights Houck opened an old cut over the veteran's right eye, and he is confident if he can send this right punch in a little lower Tommy will fall.

Arrangements on the preliminary and semi-final rounds will be made today. In the main bout the boys have agreed to weigh in at 133 pounds at 6 o'clock.

Special arrangements have been made with the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railway to send special cars from Fifteenth street and New York avenue northwest and Fifteenth and H streets northeast starting at 1 o'clock. The first battle is scheduled to be held at 2:30 o'clock sharp.

SNAPPY BOXING NOTES.

Battling Lewinsky has turned promoter. On January 9 the local light heavyweight will stage a fifteen-round battle in Bridgeport, Conn., between Lou New York and the Quaker City "mauler" in a fight scheduled to be held at 10 o'clock.

Joe Mandel is quoted as saying that Benny Leonard will be sure to beat Freddy Welsh in a twenty-round bout. What he could send this right punch in a little lower Tommy will fall.

At Palmer's attempted comeback was nipped in the bud at St. Paul a few nights ago. Andre Anderson, a third-rate heavyweight, did the nipping, and he was on the job.

If New York's boxing commission carries out the idea of running fight entertainment in the various amusements the scheme may wipe out all the smaller clubs. Chairman Weiss says he is ready to assume all responsibility for whatever consequences the idea might develop.

If it is decided to have referees pick the winner and newspaper decisions are not satisfactory, who will have the right to fight to the manager? In this war a referee could be sure of it.

Even if the men was knocked out the manager would give him the fight on a foot, and as the opponent manager would not want to see his decision would stand fifty-fifty and neither man would lose.

Mike Gibbons and Young Ahearn will settle their differences in a fifteen-round battle. The original articles of agreement cover the coming match and each fighter is to receive \$5,000.

Frankie Whitely, of Atlanta, new into New York last week and being unable to crack Freddy Welsh into a strap he is out signed up to meet Lou New York on January 4.

Young Ahearn will get another opportunity to meet the middle-weight champion title from Al Morris, the present holder, at the Broadway Athletic Club on New Year's afternoon. John Weiss, manager, has signed the men up to box ten rounds at 135 pounds, with a fifteen-minute rest between rounds. He says he will fight his hardest to knock him out.

Fun Morgan has added a new fighter to his string of battles. He is Naylor Grande, the San Francisco middle-weight, who has fought many hard battles in California and only was beaten twice since he came East. His fight in Philadelphia will be his last, and Morgan is of the opinion that he can make a star out of Grande.

Jimmy Dine, who has been responsible for the success of Champion Johnny Kilbane, is now looking after the affairs of Kid Covey, the New York welter-weight, who is expected to fight his last battle on January 14. He is of the opinion that he can make a star out of Grande.

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Joe Engel Home; Glad He Don't Have to Pitch Here

Native Son and Former Washington Hurler Satisfied to Remain in Minneapolis, Where Fans Give Him Square Deal--Other Sport Gossip.

By WILLIAM FEET.

Joe Engel, native son, and until last August a member of the Washington baseball club arrived in the Capital for Christmas and called upon Clark Griffith yesterday morning.

"I'm glad to get home--glad to see the folks, but am also glad that I don't have to pitch for the Nationals next season," vouchsafed the young pitcher to the writer.

"For the last two years on occasions when I have started a ball game in Washington I never knew who my catcher would be until he walked out to his position."

"The announcer would shout through his megaphone 'For Washington Engel--pitching--then a roar would go up from the stands 'Take him out, etc., so I seldom learned who would be behind the bat until he got on the job."

"Imagine my surprise when I joined the Minneapolis club and pitched my first game for Joe Cantillon to hear the fans yell 'Good boy Joe--we're for you--you can beat 'em, etc.'"

"Say, they gave me such a reception after I had retired the side in the first inning that when I returned to the bench I inquired of Cantillon 'Are those people kidding me or are they on the level with that stuff?'"

"When Cantillon informed me that they were pulling for me to win and not against me I nearly collapsed. It was a new sensation you can bet."

Engel was turned over to the Minneapolis club last summer by Griffith and finished the season with the "Millers," as this aggregation is termed by sport writers in the American Association circuit.

Confident that he has plenty of pitching strength lined up for next year and believing that one more season with the Minneapolis club will be of inestimable benefit to Engel, Griffith has decided to let Joe remain in the Association next year, and the arrangement suits the youngster perfectly.

Wildness robbed Engel of much of his efficiency while with the Griffins, and he is sure to be a great asset to the team. Engel is a native of Minneapolis and has been a resident here since he was a boy.

Washington fans never really gave Joe Engel a fair chance here.

It was enough to take the heart out of any young pitcher the way Engel was hooted and jeered by the very people who should have offered him encouragement.

During the writer's talk with Engel, he said that he was sure to be a great asset to the team.

YALE FOOTBALL PAYS DESPITE LOSING GAMES

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.--Even with a losing season Yale's football team has paid the season ticket holders. The team has proved more popular than ever by the sale of tickets at the Yale-Harvard game and by Yale's receipt of the Yale-Brown game.

The total receipts from the Yale-Brown game of \$115,000 from the sale of tickets last fall.

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PREFERS MINORS TO CAPITAL



JOE ENGEL.

Former Nationals' hurler, who is satisfied with berth in American Association, where fans give him a square deal.

GOOD MORNING

Better Start Now Making New Year's Resolutions--They'll Be Broken Anyway.

By BILL FEET.

No body can blame Joe Engel for wanting to play where he is treated decently.

Just at present those soccer football chaps refuse to be deterred by the fact that there is a game booked here for New Year's Day.

"Buck" Howard is back from Cornell to spend the mid-year vacation. He hopes to hit good enough to make the freshman baseball team next spring.

Griff says there is nothing to the rumor that the Nationals will next season play half their games over in Baltimore. Wonder where these pipe dreams start?

Best Green thinks he can beat Tommy Lowe if the pair should ever get into a prize ring. He should give himself up and be executed by one of those lethal steam sports.

According to Garry Herrmann, the Cincinnati Reds do not need much strengthening. Garry is wrong. All the Reds need is a new team.

Sarcastic paragrapher on New York Telegram notes \$500,000 "fans" paid \$4,000,000 to see American and National League baseball last season. The caliber of play leads us to ask "What's the matter with the fans?" rather than "What's the matter with baseball?"

"Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? If not, don't."

Bowlers will get busy next week. Georgetown fails to get place on Army's 1916 football schedule. Georgetown should worry.

We are awaiting word from Sylvester Breen, of Alexandria as to details and date of that annual Clark Griffith banquet. That's one night when Alexandria resembles a real live town.

Capt. Doyle, of Number Two precinct, has one bicycle cop who should be matched with Frank Kramer or some other speed merchant.

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SALARIES CAUSE FAILURE OF FEDS

Estimated \$245,000 Was Spent Annually in Inflated Payrolls by Independents

New York, Dec. 27.--There is an axiom that in effect cautions "Never butt into another man's game." It carries a punch. There is another, "There are tricks in all trades." Collectively, they tell the story of the defeat of the Federal League and in telling the story of its downfall they also foretell of just how baseball in the near future will be placed upon a more substantial financial basis than ever, or how a period of retrenchment will make a success of the devastating war just ended almost impossible--impossible for years to come at any rate.

In an accompanying box is shown how the Federal League was compelled to raise salaries to entice players of some prominence to jump from organized baseball's ranks. It shows that in the case of seven players contracts were increased by \$20,000. The men behind the Federal League were business men, but they were not baseball men. Had they been baseball men they would have realized that paying such salaries sealed their doom from the outset, unless it were possible to batter down the ramparts of organized baseball in a fight of comparatively short duration.

Failing to accomplish this, there was but one avenue of escape left, and it was wide enough to afford room for but a few of those interested to pass through. In suing for peace it was apparent from the outset that all of those interested in the Federal League could not be taken care of by organized baseball. Some would have to be sacrificed. Those who held the scepter of power were in a position to dictate. They were in a position to retrieve to an extent what they had sunk in the venture.

If they could not buy their way into organized baseball they intended to withdraw from baseball. Either meant the collapse of the Federal League.

Salaries Helped.

Inflated salaries helped more than anything else to send the Federal League skidding down the rails to defeat, and in spite of a liberal sprinkling of the tracks with money the downward glide could not be stopped.

In the respect of salaries, the Federal League entered the field at an inopportune time. When it was launched club owners were paying well for the services of star players. They were paying just about as much as their business judgment would permit. To get players of standing the Feds had to shower money on them.

They persuaded something like seventy-five or eighty players to exercise five or six years of service contracts. The average salary of these players in organized baseball was \$25,000. This meant that the average was raised to \$5,000 and figuring on seventy-five players this meant an outlay of \$3,750,000 a year.

Baseball men who have appreciated that it was impossible to pay any such salaries and expect to earn even a fifty-fifty split on expenses, but not so with the Feds. They saw only the big money taken in at the world series games. They did not appreciate that all clubs cannot be winners and that the losers have many lean days from the middle to the end of each season, but that whether lean or bountiful days are the order salaries must be paid just the same.

And it is on the salaries that the club owners will begin work with the expiration of each of the high-salaried agreements now outstanding. Just as soon as the last of these has been paid the average wage of the player will be cut materially. The stars, of course, will continue to be paid well. This is bound to be true as long as there is competition among the major league clubs for the services of star players. But they won't be paid as they have been for the last two years.

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Anxious Public Still in Dark As to Definition of Amateur

The governing bodies of the Amateur Athletic Union, the American Lawn Tennis Association, the United States Golf Association, the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America were all represented in the cast. Delegates from the organizations representing basketball players, fencers, soccer, billiardists, skaters, gymnasts and every conceivable form of sports were also present, and in all respects the cast was a remarkable one.

The play was produced under the auspices of the Inter-Collegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America and in appreciation of that body's motive, Gustav T. Kirby, chairman of its advisory committee and former president of the A. A. C., was unanimously elected to conduct the proceedings. To show his appreciation he did not make a speech. He did, however, point out the purpose of the meeting. He said that the problems attending amateur sports were many and that a wholesome effect upon all branches of sport would surely result from such a representative meeting. He also pointed out that while there were many complicated angles to each problem, he did not doubt that a general definition of an amateur would be derived.

Each of the representatives of the organization present were in turn called upon to present his conception of an amateur. Cases peculiar to each sport were brought up and discussed and suggestions made. Howard F. Whitney, of the United States Golf Association, said that in his opinion there should be a court of equity, where all disputed questions could come up for final and decisive action.

It is expected that the play will be ready for the athlete public sometime in the near future.

Another rehearsal has been scheduled for Thursday, and if necessary still another will be held some time next month. Gustav Kirby, the director, and his associates are undecided. Our opinion, based upon today's rehearsal, is that the play is now ready for public presentation.

The players know their parts, and play them with thorough understanding. They are all united in making the play a great success. They evidenced no selfish jealousies today, and from their statements made upon the rostrum indicated that their respective followings would support the purpose of the play, which also has to do with the purification of amateur sport in general.

The actors are representatives of athletic organizations from all over the country and are amateurs in the athletic sense of the word; they are receiving no compensation for their services. They are true and sincere athletes, and all love their director. They were deliciously law-abiding. Justice Barlow S. Weeks was among those present, and played a leading part.

CLAIMS LEO DARCEY KAYOED M'GOORTY

New York, Dec. 27.--Chris Brown, manager of Tom Crowder, received a telegram from Snowy Baker, the Australian sportsman, today, telling that Leo Darcey, the American middle-weight, in eight rounds, active part of coaching a big effort will be made to have him act as advisory coach.

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ARMY'S FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

West Point Announces List and Georgetown Is Not Mentioned.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 27.--The U. S. Military Academy football schedule for 1916 includes games with Lebanon Valley, Washington, Trinity, Villa Nova, Notre Dame, University of Maine, Springfield, A. C. and Navy.

As noted in the foregoing dispatch, Georgetown is not on the Army football schedule next season, although the Hill-toppers would have been glad of the opportunity to even up, if possible, for this season's defeat.

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